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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 25 PERMREPS LUNCH: SALT CONSULATIONS

REF: SALTDEL GENEVA 0059

1. IN SEPTEMBER 25 PERMREPS LUNCH, RUMSFELD ASSURED ALLIES OF AMBASSA
DOR

JOHNSON'S FULL AWARENESS OF ALLIED INTEREST IN SALT DEVELOPMENTS.
IN AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S VIEW, HOWEVER, A PERSONAL BRIEFING OF THE NAC
WAS NOT WARRANTED AT THIS TIME SINCE PERMREPS COULD BE ADEQUATELY
INFORMED OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS BY LETTER. AMBASSADOR JOHNSON
HAD SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE U.S. COMMISSIONER ON THE STANDING
CONSULTATIVE COMMSION (SCC) BRIEF THE COUNCIL AND/OR EXPERTS ON THE
WORK

OF THE SCC. FOR SUCH A BRIEFING TO BE EFFECTIVE, IT WOULD BE
NECESSARY FOR THE ALLIES TO HAVE THE RELEVANT SALT PROTOCOLS FOR
STUDY IN ADVANCE. THIS WOULD REQUIRE CAREFUL SECURITY HANDLING
DUE TO THE SENSITIVY OF THESE DOCUMENTS.

2. PERMREPS SAID THEY WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY THE U.S. SCC
COMMISSIONER AND WOULD ARRANGE TO HAVE EXPERTS FROM
CAPITALS PRESENT ON THE DAY OF THE BRIEFING.

3. IN ASKING WHY AMABASSADOR JOHNSON FELT A COUNCIL BRIEFING
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UNNECESSARY AT THIS TIME, MENZIES (CANADA) WONDERED
IF THE U.S. AND SOVIETS HAD RETURNED TO GENEVA WITHOUT
NEW PROPOSALS. IF THIS WAS THE CASE, WAS THE U.S. WAITING

FOR SOVIET REACTION TO EARLIER U.S. PROPOSALS OR WAS IT
SIMPLY IN THE PROCESS OF DEFINING ITS OWN POSITION. RUMSFELD
REPLIED THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THERE WAS LITTLE
FOR JOHNSON TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL SINCE THERE WERE NO
ADDITIONS THAT HE COULD MAKE NOW TO HIS PAST NAC BRIEFINGS.

4. DE ROSE (FRANCE) CALLED ATTENTION TO THE VERY USEFUL DISCUSSION
OF SALT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IN HIS SEPTEMBER 19 SFRC STATEMENT
ON DETENTE.
RUMSFELD

SECRET

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